

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

March 7, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session on Monday, March 7, 1988, in the Boards and Commissions Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James Coyle

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman Dave Robbins

Re: Work Session: Alternative
Community Services
Commission

Present for the Alternative Community Services Commission were Chairman Marilyn Freeland, Jane French, Dorothy Ott, Sally Roy, and Ann Williams. Present from City staff was Ron Bowers with Bob Coyne attending from the County.

The Commission discussed the need for the ACSC to establish a clear direction. The number of cases being brought before the Commission has been diminishing, and the Commission has had no cases to work on for the past six months. Ron Bowers noted that he previously would spend 12 hours a week at the courts getting referrals for the City's ACSC, but due to his work load he can no longer spend this time seeking cases to be assigned to Rockville's ACSC. He also stated that the resolution establishing the ACSC requires that the ACSC mediate cases in which the incident has occurred within the City.

The Commission believes that there are still a great number of first offender cases, but they are being referred to the County or to private ACS. Ron Bowers stated that there is a problem identifying cases that meet the requirements of the ACSC. Bob Coyne, Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, noted that the adult referral component was discontinued at the request of the Rockville ACSC.

The Mayor and Council instructed staff to outline steps suggesting the optimal system for the ACSC to receive cases. This system will be followed for six months and will then be reviewed. The Commission was asked to assist staff in developing this new system.

Re: Work Session: Board of
Supervisors of Elections

Present for the Board of Supervisors of Elections were Chairman Maury Ward, Vice Chairman Paula Porpilia, Zan Donaldson, Alice Lyon, and Ray Sherbill. Present from City Staff were Susan Osmun and Dave Mayes.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections discussed the need to come to a decision on the voter registration list. Several staff options were presented, and the discussion focused on voter history preservation.

The Board brought up the topic of redistricting and discussed the problems involved. Marie Garber's suggestions on redistricting were also discussed.

The Board requested making the Elections Clerk a full time position. The Mayor, however, suggested that the Election Clerk continue as a 30 hour position, and if the need increases then a reclassification will be considered. The Board will meet with Mr. Doug Jernigan, Elections Administrator and explore the possibilities of working with the County on the issues of voter registration and redistricting. The Commission will report to the Mayor and Council with the County's suggestions at a future work session.